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ALIGNMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
ALIGNING STACKED DEVICES
Our Docket: ACT-142 (1117-6)

Sirs:

This is in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) dated March 11, 2002 (copy appended hereto as Exhibit #1) which we have received in connection with the above referenced matter.

The Notice of Incomplete Reply states that our previous reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts was deficient for the following reasons:

1. A properly signed oath was missing.
2. The filing fee was missing.

It is respectfully submitted that the Notice of Incomplete Reply was erroneously issued. The following evidence is included in support of Applicants' request for a reconsideration and withdrawal of said Notice of Incomplete Reply.

Applicants filed the above identified application without a Declaration on August 7, 2001 under Express Mail Label No. EL 820508690US. A copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal and reply receipt post card are appended hereto as Exhibit #2.

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Applicants received a Notice to File Missing Parts dated September 14, 2001, and responded thereto with a reply including a Transmittal, a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts, a Declaration, reply postcard, and assignment documents with recordation cover sheet and a check for the assignment fee. A copy of the Transmittal, the Notice to File Missing Parts of 9/14/01, and the Declaration are appended hereto as Exhibit #3.

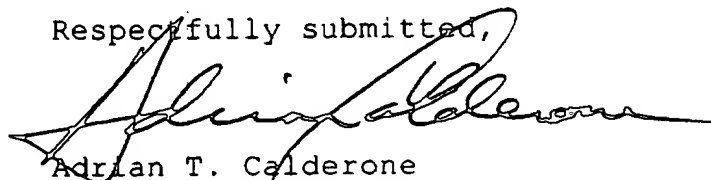
Our records show the following:

- 1) The Transmittal included a request to charge any necessary fees to our charge account. Hence, there is no deficiency in the payment of the required fees.
- 2) The Declaration identified the specification by the Express Mail No. EL 820508690US, which corresponds to the Express Mail number under which the application was originally filed, and therefore identifies the application to which the Declaration corresponds sufficiently to satisfy 37 C.F.R. §1.63.
- 3) The Declaration was signed by applicants.

In view of the above it is respectfully submitted that a complete reply was made to the Notice to File Missing Parts and all of the filing requirements have been satisfied. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Notice of Incomplete Reply and advancement of the present application are respectfully requested.

The Customer Service Center is invited to contact the undersigned by mail or telephone at (516) 228-8484 to address any matters which need further resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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